

ATTENDANCE

Dear Families

We have recently been reviewing our attendance data. While some students have excellent attendance, many of our students are attending less than 90% of the time. Over time, students miss out on the learning of many concepts, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. If you look at the table below, you can see the impact this will have on a child's learning.

Last Friday, we spoke to the students about the importance of attending school regularly. We will be introducing two trophies – one for best overall attendance by a class and one for the class who has the most improved attendance. We will announce these results at assemblies. Your child's teacher can let you know their attendance percentage.

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to take all reasonable steps to ensure that children attend school. However, we understand that sometimes there are barriers to ensuring your child comes to school. Please discuss these with class teachers so that we can support you to enable all students to come to school regularly. Teachers are also required to follow up absences with parents/carers. **Please help us by contacting the office or your child's teacher to let us know why your child was absent.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but				
If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years Of schooling that's	Which means the best your child might perform is
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

We appreciate your help in supporting your child's learning by encouraging regular attendance at school.

Kind regards

Sarah Hill
Principal
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